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ПЕРЕОСМЫСЛЕНИЕ БРИКС В РАМКАХ ДИСКУРСА ПОЛИТИЧЕСКОГО ТЕЛА В ПОЛИТИЧЕСКОЙ ФИЛОСОФИИ

Аннотация. В данной статье БРИКС помещается в рамки политического дискурса, предлагая анализ того, как страны БРИКС выполняют и демонстрируют свои нормативные обязательства в отношении видения БРИКС международных отношений и глобальных реалий. Это переосмысление основывается на изменении дискурсов управления

от дискурса иерархического политического тела к признанию многополярного управления на международной арене, которое бросает вызов классическому понятию политического тела. Это дает контрнарратив классическим нейронным дискурсам политического тела, которые являются контролируемыми и патерналистскими.

Ключевые слова: БРИКС, саммит БРИКС, нормы, политическое тело, международные отношения; политическое здоровье; симбиоз; политическая экосистема.

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REIMAGINING BRICS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF BODY POLITIC DISCOURSE IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Abstract. This paper situates the BRICS within the body politic discourses by offering an analysis on how the BRICS nations perform and display their normative commitments to the BRICS vision of international relations and global realities. This reimagination is anchored on the changes of governance discourses from the discourse of hierarchical body politic towards a recognition of multipolar governance in the international arena, which challenges the classical notion of the body politic. This provides a counter-narrative to the classical neural discourses of the body politic that are controlling and paternalistic.

Keywords: BRICS, BRICS Summit, norms, body politic, international relations; political health; symbiosis; political ecosystem

The body politic as a metaphor has served as a classical approach in political philosophy. Plato and Aristotle used the body politic to characterize the unity within diversity in the Greek polis. Hobbes' *Leviathan* [1, p. 37–46] also popularized the equivalence of the state's issues to the taxonomy of human sickness. Yet the body politic metaphor has faced criticisms especially on the hierarchical understanding of the body that is characterized as a “neural” body [2] or head-to-toe conception [3],

controlled by a central organ, the brain, with the nervous system being main unit [2].

The BRICS can be seen as an extended body politic through its expansion of both the types and sources of political influence in the international arena. For instance, the BRICS expands the source of political power in building a parallel political power such as the New Development Bank (NDB) to balance the western-centric institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB). This denotes a kind of 'counter institutionalization' efforts [4] because it is against the dominance of loaning system [5]. Diversifying both the type and source of political power and influence creates "a moment of transition in the construction of a multipolar system" [6], thus expanding the scope of the body politic.

This work has shown that contemporary political arrangements of the BRICS contest the idea of the body politic. Given that the BRICS nations are "united neither by ideology, geography, or culture" [7], a symbiotic relationship through norms then becomes relevant because it is the energy that holds the BRICS together.

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